

Friend Garrison I have received with regret a letter from  
 Samuel Aaron of Norristown Pennsylv<sup>a</sup> of Decem 20-1845 To the  
 Editor of the Pennsylvania Freeman stating his "Wish to discon-  
 tinue the Freeman" His right to discontinue the Freeman is  
 one thing, and the reason he he assigns is quite another - Alas  
 for poor human nature! Truly the spirit indeed is willing but  
 the flesh is weak? How the multitude run well for a season  
 But when are they when? The way the Truth? and the life sweet  
 as it were grate drops of blood in the garden of Gethsemane?  
 Is the contest for the self evident Truth? that God is no respecter  
 of persons? and is just and Equal in his dispensations to men -  
 Have we seen as the ~~with~~ Anti-Slavery cause advance the faithful  
 to the discoveries of light, after light - How it develop the condition  
 of our nation <sup>morally</sup> in church and state - Showing the dark  
 lifted creed making beggarly Elements <sup>of professors</sup> & claiming a name to  
 live and is dead in the former - And the vain hypocritical  
 pretensions to republicanism in the latter - And this at the moment  
 when suffering millions are laid at the door of <sup>the</sup> church and  
 state begging for a crumb of the many blessing they enjoy - Truth may  
 well Exclaim - Now as formerly - Hear O Heavens and give us  
 O Earth - Here, auspicious is the period in which we live - And  
 How as the time draweth nigh that tries men's integrity have  
 they fall back one by one while betraying our cause into the  
 hands of sinners - Friend Aaron informs the World that ~~his~~ his  
 "conviction is perfectly settled that the organization of the church  
 and that of the state are both as certainly ordained by the author-  
 ity of God as the organization of plants and animals and as  
 both plants and animals are susceptible of improvement  
 for the use of man so these arrangements of society are to be  
 cultivated cherished and improved not denounced as worthy  
 to be destroyed? Certainly not? It would be infamous in the  
 Abolitionist to attempt to - Destroy the church ordained by the  
 authority of God? I shall not go into an argument to show what  
 a whim consist the true church ordained by the authority of God  
 but rather by my Friend Aaron's own showing what is not the



True church as ~~proved~~<sup>proved</sup> by scripture reason and by their works  
I shall pass by unnoticed his uncharitable reflections against the  
Society as having no Existence but in his mind, until he come  
to where he says: "I hold a religious creed infinitely dear to me than  
life: The hope of future eternal felicity through the merits of Jesus  
Christ the crucified son of God: A few words on Salvation by the  
merits of another's Righteousness Which I think has no foundation  
in fact scripture or reason to sustain the position that God will save  
us, without us, otherwise than in the way than when Jesus said: "My  
Father (make this) worketh hitherto and I work" John 5:17 - And that  
all men must: "Work out your own Salvation with fear and  
trembling Philippians 2:12 For it is God that worketh in you both to  
will and to do of his good pleasure &c. By the Eluents of the  
Tallance Math 25:15 - or the Leaven which a woman hid in three  
measures of meal - or the grain of mustard seed which a man  
sowed in his field or a Merchant-man seeking goodly pearls Who when  
he had found one pearl of great price he went and sold all that he  
had and bought it" &c. &c. - Sold all his creed and confessions of  
faith that stand in the oldness of the letter <sup>which killeth but the Spirit giveth life. 2 Cor. 3:6</sup> And bought the truth  
as it was in Jesus? I therefore apprehend Salvation stands in the grace  
that is in the Tallance - Leaven - Pearl or Mustard seed as set forth by the  
Son and sent of the Father himself as descriptions of the Lord Jesus which  
Paul said: "Is the power of God to Salvation Rome 1:16 And therefore  
no man can be saved by the eluents of Christ Jesus Christ right-  
eousness otherwise than as he drinks of the cup that he drank  
of and is baptised with the baptism that he was baptised with"  
Math 20:22, 23 = The Eluents then stand in the second appearance  
of Christ without sin unto Salvation by which there is a ~~resurrection~~  
resurrection from dead works to serve the Living God? So much  
for Salvation by the eluents of Jesus Christ Righteousness -  
Who told his disciples: "The hour cometh yea is now come that  
that ye shall be scattered every man to his own and shall  
leave me alone, and yet I am not alone because the Father  
is with me John 16:32" This state of being scattered from  
all pretensions to a life of purity and holiness but <sup>by being made</sup> a new  
man thru the Spirit of regeneration and the renewing of the  
Holy <sup>God's</sup> within will in the end know the truth of this declaration



In another paragraph, Friend Aaron gives us the character of the ministers that attend at the altar in which he is so sensitive of the Editor's skepticism - As follows: - "It has been the main source of my bitterest letters for several years, that these accredited agents of Divine truth are generally inconsistent with the truth they teach - often proud and cruelly perverse in the treatment of their honest disciples like drowsy shepherds rating the faithful dogs whose fighting with the wolf disturbs their slumber?" And yet he says - Still the very doctrine that the worst of these men teach moves the mass of the corrupt world and is the means of making many men better than most of their teachers and leading them to study Jesus and learn of him?" This last quotation of Samuel Aaron as a description of his religious views is of a very extraordinary character - Surely if the mass of the corrupt world is moved it must be by the corrupt and disgusting Example to look to the Example of Jesus as the true teacher who describes Friend Aaron's teachers as - "Blind leading the blind into the ditch?" And well may the Mass be moved if moved at all in an opposite direction from the Example set by such teachers as is quoted above - Is not such a cruelly perverse teacher described as the old man of sin that went to preach to Jesus with his Eulogizing? If there be the Son of God's command there should be made bread? And in the end will not they receive the Rebuke of getting their hind one taken for their sacrament not the things that be of God but that which be of men?" Was it not such a cruelly perverse teacher that moved the Jewish mass down the steps into the sea of universal corruption Mark 5-13? We see these teachers when they saw the result of their Anti-Christian food on these Jewish fies, as they always do in the hour of trials - He further asserts that the Church at and before the time of Luther was infinitely better than heathenism - than no church at all? Jesus thought differently from Friend Aaron on this matter who was a member of the Jewish Church inwardly in whom there is no grace (Rom 2-29) And he testified - That it should be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon (Heathen) in the day of Judgment than for these? And again he said - These caparisons which are exalted to Heaven shall be cast down to hell for if the mighty works had been done



in thee had been done in Sodom<sup>4</sup> / Heathen / It would have  
remained untill this day<sup>2</sup> But I say unto you that it shall  
be ~~more~~ more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of  
Judgment than for thee<sup>2</sup> So much for the Jewish church  
And what better was the Abomination of Desolation that stood  
in the hearts of the people in the professed Christian church in  
the days of Luther I shall not detain the reader here with a  
Description of this ~~Scarlet~~ <sup>Scarlet</sup> ~~cautious~~ heart<sup>2</sup> The best description of  
him and his instruments of cruelty is given by the Apostle John  
in the Revelations and ~~also~~ modern history - more at large  
Friend Aaron then closes his letter saying "I see little use in  
equations with only negative roots<sup>2</sup> Hear again I think  
there is a want of charity - I am firm in the belief that the  
Editor of the Freeman is truly in favour of a perfect Equation  
of human rights that will at least secure to all men the  
ownership of himself wife and children which the constitu-  
-tion the church and the Government which Friend Aaron  
say - ordained by the authority of God has deprived him of  
To the contrary. notwithstanding I think the constitution the  
church and ~~the~~ that of <sup>the</sup> state<sup>2</sup> has <sup>had</sup> their positive root in sin  
for by their fruits we know them<sup>2</sup> In the conclusion it  
is due to the Editor (so much respectfully reflects on) of the Freeman  
to make some reply to Samuel Aaron's - "Evilising off" (that) has  
marked every proposition concerning them (the church and state)  
and I could not decide whether you preferred they should con-  
-tinue in any form or be utterly annihilated<sup>2</sup> Surely the  
author of the letter would not have it to be even supposed for one  
moment that Every good thing in church or state should be  
utterly annihilated<sup>2</sup> And all the Evil retained - And this is all  
the Editor or the Anti-Slavery cause desires <sup>to do away Evil & retain the good</sup> and what the  
the suffering millions in these U-States have a right to de-  
-mand being it is the church and the state that hold the death  
-like gripe of oppression that deprives them of all <sup>life</sup> (soul) that is  
worth living for in the World - And with regard to the tot or part  
the Editor of an Anti-Slavery paper should take in advocating  
his or defending any Ethics of morality or religion further than  
to hold all professing Christian denominations



To do even as they would wish to be done by <sup>and</sup> this Ethics  
 of morally wretched ~~sheep~~ all was Slavery and <sup>other</sup> acts of injustice  
 and cruelty from the face of the Earth. How could he do more  
 being the Anti-Slavery cause embraced most of the religious  
 denominations in the land could he possibly as an Editor enter  
 the field of Polemical disputation on the various disputed points  
 of the Christian faith without by and by giving offence? The man  
 Jesus the Son of God was charged with casting out Devils by  
 Belshazzar the Prince of Devils. And could an Editor of an  
 Anti-Slavery paper expect to fare better? And all the Trinitarian  
 Aaron <sup>James</sup> Not (to) wish to force an "Editorial teacher to adopt  
 either Luther's creed or mine" or the Christian creed in general.  
 But if they touch on all creed and their results and especially  
 if that be their main topic I think they should be candid and  
 unequivocal showing that the evil condemned flows inevitable  
 from the creeds themselves and then furnishing from history reason  
 or revelation a better creed or admitting that the evils are only  
 abuses and perversions of better principles." Now what does all  
 this amount to but for a Anti-Slavery Editor to enter into  
 a Polemical controversy on the disputed point of faith and doctrine  
 in which the World ~~is already~~ split into many hundred  
 factions would he or could he render a reason that would be  
 satisfactory to all the Religious professors that have are associa-  
 ted <sup>together</sup> for the redemption of the Slave I think not? It is <sup>paper</sup> ~~thin~~ <sup>for</sup>  
 imperiously obligatory on the Editors of Anti-Slavery to show  
 to the World in the tones of thunder and lightning which will  
 produce earthquakes in the corrupt churches throughout the  
 Land And this is no denomination that I know of that is  
 not ~~is~~ standing criminally "Idle in the market place"  
 and this draws the parasites is rating (and ranting) the faithful  
 within the pale of their Respectable churches who are honestly  
 labouring for the relief of those who have fallen among thorns

Nathan Evans



Will Friend Garrison ~~again~~ please give this communication a place. I feel a caution  
In occupy the columns of the Liberator otherwise than the suffering millions of our countrymen may  
Impudently demand - There is no institution among men where civil and religious liberty is  
more trampled in the dust with more impunity and impudence and stands up in ~~test~~ relief  
than the church and the reason why her despotism is not at this day ~~acted~~ more fully ~~is~~ alleg the  
owing to the morality out of the church is better than it is ~~in~~ the church W. Evans

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